# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS
# LOK SABHA

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BASIC TELECOM OPERATORS
TRILOCHAN KANUNGO

**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have received any demands from Basic Telecom Operators;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The existing Basic Telephone Service Operatorshave requested for treating them at par with the future operators to be licensed under NTP` 99 and have sought for usage for hand-held sets for limited mobility by their subscribers of Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) technology in the subscriber access network.

(c) Government has already announced unrest4icted open entry for provision of Basic Telephone Service in all Telecom circles including the six Circles where the private basic telephone service licensees already exist. As regards the issue of permitting usage of hand-held sets for limited mobility by the subscribers of Fixed Basic Telephone Service Providers, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has been addressed for its recommendation on the issue.TRAI has conducted Open House Sessions in Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta and Chennai after issuing consultation paper on the subject.